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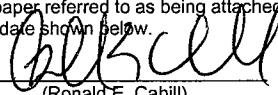
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 17, 2009.

Amendments to the Drawings begins at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begins at page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins at page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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